#### CAPTURED.

The Assessins of Clingan, the Polk City (Ia.) Pestmaster, Run Down-One of the Murderers Killed and the Other Arrestech

DES MOINES, July 16.

The Polk City murderers were captured faturday in a large grove out in Shelby County. The fugitives stole two horses near Angus, Wednesday morning, and since then they have been closely pursued until Friday might, when they sought shelten in the grove above mentioned. The grove covers an area of about one hundred, and fifty acres, and as the country is very bluffy and abounds in heavy timber and dense under-brush, it rendered concealment for the desperadoes comparatively easy, while it was hazardous for the pursuers to approach. They concluded to close in on them, however, and accordingly stationed thearselves about twenty feet apart and gradually marched to the center. They had not gone far before Willis Halleck, of Exira, discovered them concealed in the grass. He immediately called out: " Here they are, men." At this the two sprang up and one of them shot Halleck in the right side. The wound will probable prove fatal. The pursuit was then abandoned for the night, but guard was stationed around the grove. The assassins made an attempt to escape about four o'clock Saturday morning, but were met with a volley of buckshot.

At nine o'clock the pursuers were reinforced by a crowd of some eight hundred men, who had assembled to assist in the chase. They then formed in a circle and marched in on them, firing at intervals. An encounter ensued, in which one of the murderers named Gates was fatally wounded, but had time to confess that he had shot both Mayor Stubbs and Postmaster Clingan before he expired. He also said that their object was robbery. He requested to be taken to some house that he might die in peace, but the driver in whose wagon he was lying said: "Cursed if I will haul him any further," and threw him out on the ground just as he was dving. His pal. known as Hardy, alias Smith, was captured. a rope placed around his nock, and he unhis life on the spot, but he showed a disposition to reveal matters of interest. The mob procured a rope, and started for the railroad bridge with the intention of lynching him. On arriving there the prisoner was granted permission to indite a letter to his mother, and afterwards was allowed to address the people assembled. Standing there with the rope around his neck, the wretch spoke as follows:

"GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am placed in rather peculiar circumstances be-fore you this afternoon. You may think that I have had experience in this business, but I I have had experience in this business, but I have not. I will take my oath that until July I, 1883, I never had anything to do with any such business, but through influence of that man Crawford I was persuaded to leave my mother for the purpose of making money. You may think by my appearance that I have been in the business some time, but men in this biz do not wear good clothes. I never had so poor a suit on before in my life. If you think that I am guilty of the crime of murder, then you may hang me; but I am not. I never killed a man, and never expect to. Boys, there are many of you about my age and younger. How would you like to my age and younger. How would you like to be swung off this bridge into eternity. Meditate on it, and if you think it is just show me as much mercy as you think I deserve. If there is any Christian in this audience, or friends who will speak in my behah. I would like to have them do so."

Better counsel prevailed, and Sheriff Littleton took the prisoner to Harlan, where he was confined in the County Jail. One one of the fugitives

#### Death of Charles Stratton, the Celcbrated Dwarf.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., July 16. General Tom Thumb died of apoplexy Sunday morning. He had been slightly indisposed for several days, but no serious results were anticipated. He leaves a widow, who had been on the stage with him since 1863. He was forty-six years of age. His correct name was Charles Stratton, and he came to the notice of P. T. Barnum in November, 1842, and the showman describes him as being under two feet high, weighing less than sixteen pounds. beautifully formed; a blonde, with ruddy cheeks and mirthful eyes. Barnum introduced Stratton to the public on December S, 1842, by the name that afterward preceded him around the world-General Tom Thumb. He paid the little midget \$3 a week, with expenses for himself and his mother for four weeks. Then he was reengaged for twelve months at 87 a week, but long before this term expired Mr. Barnum paid him \$25 a week. In January, 1846, Tom Thumb, now getting fifty dollars a week and expenses, set sail with Barnum for Europe in the Yorkshire, a sailing ship. The little General proved a decided hit in England, France and Germany, and the statement never afterward omitted from the show bills, that he was exhibited "before crowned heads" was literally true. In the autumn, Tom Thumb returned with his manager, who was then the proprietor of the museum that bore his name, and early the next year the mite returned again to Europe. When, three months later, he again came back to America, his value as a curiosity had grown greater than before. Barnum took in \$5,504.91 in twelve days with him in Philadelphia, and \$976.98 in one day in Providence. Mr. Barnum took him to Havana and made a great deal of money there. After that the dwarf was put in charge of agents of Mr. Barnum, who had no desire to spend his life in travel. In 1857 Bamum took Tom Thumb

and Cordelia Howard, a child who was famous as Little Eva in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," to Europe, and in 1862 he engaged Lavinia and Minnie Warren, two tihy sisters, to the former of whom Tom Thumb lost his heart at the showman's home in Bridgeport. At the old museum, where the Herald building now stands, the receipts (principally because of the presence of the noted little man and the Warrens) were frequently \$3,000 a day. The fact that Tom Thumb and Lavinia Warren were to be married re-doubled the popular interest in them, and Barnum offered them \$15,000 to postpone the wedding a month. This was indignantly refused. The showman resisted the temptation to have their wedding viewed by the public at so much a seat, though he said he could have made \$25,000 by exhibiting the ceremony in the Academy of Music. They were married in Grace Church, and held a reception afterward in the Metropolitan Hotel. This was in 1862.

Of late years the name of Tom Thumboccurred outside of museum show bills, when he and his wife escaped with their lives, but lost some money and jewelry in the burning of the Newell House, at Milwaukee. General Tom Thumb long ago grew in height, became stout, and ceased to be the smallest mortal on exhibition. He wore a mustache and a beard. Three generations of Americans sat before him. He was fond of yatching, and, being more prudent than most of those who have enjoyed good fortune in the same way, lived comfortably and saved money.

A little tin box, containing powder and percussion caps, was found in a bale of cotton recently opened in the picker-room of a | was not connected with nor "ecognized by Rhode Island cotton mill

#### DREADFUL FLOODS.

A Terrible Storm at London, Ontario-Two Hundred Persons Supposed to Have Lost

LONDON, ONT., July 12. A terrible disaster occurred in the Thames River Valley, around this city, this morning. Last evening at six o'clock a storm broke, which lasted until three o'clock a. m., attended by incessant heavy rain, lightning of startling vividness and thunder which broke like a thousand parks of artillery. The night was full of terror and dismay on account of the tempest raging. Nothing like it and occurred within living memory, but toward morning the residents of the flats west of the city traversed by the River Thames were overtaken by a catastrophe which is probably unprecedented in the province of Ontario. Two hundred build ings were overwhelmed by a torrent, and two hundred persons are reported missing. About two o'clock a. m. the school bell in the village of Petersville, a suburb of London, began to clang an alarm, which in due time was taken up by the city fire bells. The morning was calm and still after the storm, so that citizens, when aroused by the bells, heard the air filled with shricks and cries, mingled with the sounds of a vigorous chopping with axes. The thriving suburb named, comprising about 1,600 souls, had been suddenly overwhelmed with a torrent, caused by a tremendous cloud-burst some dozen miles up the country. The water rolled down in one resistless wave, raising the river to twelve feet above ordinary flood mark and destroying about two hundred dwellings. The village to-day presents a picture of sickening ruin, brick houses being leveled and frame ones either carried bodily down stream or tumbled over and over and left in inextricable confusion. The people took refuge on the roofs of buildings that remained standing until relieved by men with boats, which work occupied six hours. Many of these people had to cut their way through the roofs with axes, so sudden was the catasdoubtedly would have paid the penalty with trophe. Men who left home to rouse the neighbors found themselves borne away on the crest of the flood, while their houses and little ones were carried off by the same mad current. One house floated down with lights burning inside and inhabited by a lady, Mrs. Wright. It struck the railway bridge, and the lady was taken out a raving maniac. A cradle passed down amid a confusion of furniture, containing a baby, which was dead. A little boy passed over the water-works dam and was engulfed. It is supposed that there is a great loss of life, as two hundred persons remain to-night unaccounted for. This afternoon the water-works pumping-house went by the board. The pleasure steamer Princess Louise, costing \$10,000, went over the dam and took the iron bridge along with her. All of the iron bridges are gone except one, and the city is isolated to-night. The fires of the gas-works were extinguished and the main broken by a wash out, and the city is also in darkness. Daniel Collins' ice house was swept away, together with five thousand tons of ice and eight horses. Collins' Hall in Petersville is now filled with refugees. The churches and residences on high ground are also filled. Mr. Jeffrey, a banker, threw open his house on the neighboring heights, and had tables spread on the lawn to feed the hun- until this day. Wess Maddy, of Marne, was also shot by gry refugees. The greatest sympathy is shown on all sides. A mass meeting of citizens was held to-night to devise relief measures. The damage done will not be less than \$500,000.

### Fire in the Indiana University.

BLOOMINGTON, IND., July 12. At about half past ten to-night the new department of the Indiana University was discovered by the janitor to be on fire, and at once the alarm was given by Mr. Spier. The buildings being so far from the center of town it was fully half an hour before a thorough alarm was given and the company on duty. When they came to put out hose it was discovered that it was not within fifty feet of being long enough. In the meantime the flames were raging, and the laboratory was in flames and the second story on fire. The engine got to work and the men worked nobly. Some explosives in the laborator exploded and soon the library and museum was in flames, when attention was given to save the old building. The museum is, perhaps, one of the finest in the country and not excelled in the West. The library consists of 15,000 volumes, selected with great care during the last ten years, which were all lost. Dr. D. M. Fordam's collection of fishes can not be duplicated. The new building is entirely destroyed. There is no doubt but that lightning caused the fire, as a thunder storm was raging at the time, and was carried to Prof. Willie's room by a telephone wire. The loss will reach over \$200,000; \$30,000 insurance. The building was erected ten years ago.

# Highwaymen Lynched in Colorado.

DENVER, Cot.., July 12. The lynching of two highwaymen, Haggerty and Dowling, at Salida at midnight last night, created great excitement there. The mob numbered seventy-five masked men, who gathered at Maysville, a station a few miles from Salida. The party took a man named Lewt Laws, a prominent man of Mayville, and marched him in front of them to the jail. The gwards would not fire on them for fear of killing their friend Laws, who was forced ahead of the crowd. Marshal Bob Kear refused to deliver the keys when asked. The crowd broke down the doors, took the prisoners from the jail and marched them across the railroad track to a grove of trees near the church, where they halted. Both men protested their innocence, but it would do no good. Just as the ropes were placed around the neck one said, "Well, you did the shooting." They were strung up with no further ceremony, and their bodies were left hanging to trees till about sunrise this morning. These two ruf-flans have been practicing robbing persons at and near Mayville for several days. They had been loafing near the depot on yester-day, and it is thought that they saw Lynn draw his pay. The two men were seen by outside parties following Lynn and the Swede, and these parties also saw the shooting. Lynn is still alive, but there are no hopes of his recovery. The Swede is all right, with the exception of some had bruises. The masked men were unknown, but are thought to be the friends of Lynn and some citizens of Mayville.

#### Foresters Denied Admission to a Church.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., July 12. Court Hermann, Ancient Order of Forest ers, were yesterday refused admission to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, wearing their regalia, attending the funeral of a member. Father McGiveny met them at the church door. The court refused to take off their badges, and left the church. Three members, pall-bearers, took off their regalfa and entered the church. Father Mc-Giveny explained that the organization . e church.

### FOREIGN GOSSIP

-The law forbidding Jews to have Christian servants is revived in the Gov-

ernment of Kieff.

and elaborately made.

-In the season of 1881-2 more than 3,000,000 trees were planted in Great Britain, out of which number Scotland claims about 2,000,000, England 600,-000, Ireland 300,000, and Wales 400,--It is a striking fact that in all the

European States the expenditure for war is vastly greater than that for edueation. In France the proportion is about 15 to 1, in England 6 to 1, in Prussia 4 to 1, in Russia 80 to 1, in Denmark 2 to 1. In Switzerland alone almost as much is spent for education as for war.

The chief occupation of the Black Flag smugglers consists in running cargoes of opium, gunpowder and firearms into China, and it is currently declared in Cochin China that three voyages up a clear 100,000 francs; provided of course, the bold smuggler be not killed.

-The late Baron de Rothschild once unhappy occupant to the skin. caused the Baron to inquire whether it of the sails of a fishing lugger, which cabman, "it's quite right, but your sons tain of the Noemi almost simultanewas the Baron's reply; "well they have a rich father, and can afford dire, and maneuvered round and round it; I have not.

beat creation" in the ingenuity and boldness of our advertising dodges, and some large firms keep men specially employed in devising new methods of attracting public attention when old dodges begin to irritate or bore. A Loninto his service and send genuine tele- | Koemi and landed at Antwerp shortly grams giving well-to-do householders after midnight. L'Hoste is full of gratall over town the following information: itude to the Captain of the Noemi. 'You should not miss seeing 'Youth,' revived with best company in London. Also with new and startling effects."

-The Duke of Bridgewater observed that though the men employed by him dropped work promptly as the bell rang, when he was not by, they were not

-Those wise in court matters that henceforth the chief guide and large work actually finished. ty-six years of age, and might have been | Columbia. well married many times. It is be- Bridges built after the new design are lieved in London that she was sincerely known as cantilever bridges. Each attached to the late Prince Imperial, end is made up of a section extending lish constitution, no member of the about its center by a strong tower. The royal family may marry a Roman Cath- outer arm having no support, and beolic. So the Princess still remains a ing subject like the other to the weight maid, and may possibly do so for many of trains, a counter advantage is given years yet to come.

# At Sea in a Balloon.

channel, and expressed himself confi- ing as each section is added. dent of ultimate success. M. L'Hoste trips. When the time for starting ap- Here provison will be made for expanening for aerial navigation, and ener- and of the cantilevers. At the same getically endeavored to dissuade him time the bridge will be thoroughly from his purpose, but without success, braced so as to prevent danger from Even Eloy's refusal to encourage his the lateral pressure of the wind. The rashness by accompanying him had no "wave" motion perceptible on a suseffect upon his obstinate resolution to pension bridge will not be felt on the make the trip. Accordingly at midnight | new structure. on Friday the balloon Pilastre de Rosier east off and rapidly ascended.

obtaining the least idea whither he was its ultimate strength. drifting, or even if he were moving at | The towers will not rest on bed-rock, all. However, the weather cleared on as the rush of the river would sweep Saturday morning, when to his no small away any caissons or other works indisgust, he found himself out at sea in tended to be used for excavations, the neighborhood of Cape Grisnez. He but the foundations will be in the large at once threw out ballast in order, if boulders that have dropped from the possible, to find a favorable current, cliff during past ages, the crevices teres, at which altitude he suffered se- solid foundation. The pressure will be the heat of the sun, while his feet were rock it will be only twenty-five pounds numbed and almost frozen. Two hours to the square inch. The top of the later he found himself over a town of stone structures will be fifty feet above some sort, and drawing the valve line the water level, and from these the descended rapidly, and with the assist- steel towers supporting the cantilevers ance of passers-by cast anchor on the will rise 130 feet. From the tower esplanade at Dunkirk. Being deter- foundations up the whole bridge will mined to persevere, he calmly took be of steel, every juch of which will be breakfast in his car, surrounded by a subject to the most rigid tests from gaping crowd, and afterward increased the time it leaves the ore to the time it bad. his store of ballast. Noticing a favora- enters the structure - Toledo (Can.) ble change in the wind, he ungrappled | Globe. and rose gradually to a height of 5,000

the heavy gusts of wind and the loud | Chicago Herald

reverberations of the thunder put the stability of the balloon to a feaful and unforseen test. The whole fabric was convulsed with continuous vibrations, and tossed and pitched in a manner -Brazil is wheeling into line as a which made it difficult for the giddy land of freedom, and many influential and benumbed aeronaut to keep his hold families are voluntarily freeing their on the car. However, with some difficulty he managed to open the valve -Carving in ivory has attained the and descended at noon on Saturday to level of a high art in Paris, portraits, within, as far as he could calculate, 800 busts and the like being very beautifully metres of the sea. Unfortunately, in the lower strata there prevailed a thick fog, which made it impossible for him to ascertain his exact whereabouts. He made another ascent in hopes of finding the elements more propitious, but the storm was still raging up in the clouds, and he therefore considered it prudent to keep nearer the sea. As the afternoon wore on he noticed with alarm that the gas in his balloon was dangerously decreasing, and he began to realize his peril.

At four o'clock the ropes dangling from the car touched the sea, and he knew that the critical time had come. The whole of his ballast, of which the car could hold but a comparatively limited ! supply, had by this time become completely exhausted. He at once threw out, one after another, instruments, cases, and indeed every movable article in the car. But the balloon responded the Red River with the Black Flags nets | languidly, and in a very few minutes | the car itself touched water, and the sea broke furiously almost every minute clean over the car, drenching its took a cab to his offices, and, alighting, ropes and lines too were dashed about tendered the proper fare. The cabman in a bewildering manner, and these received it, but kept his hand open and combined horrors almost made M. looked at the money significantly, which L'Hoste despair, when he caught sight was not right. "O, yes," replied the turned out to be the Noemi. The Cap- ing and going, but the little woman did usually give me double." "They do, do ously caught sight of the balloon, which he for some time took to be a ship on accordingly. When, however, he as--We Americans are supposed to certained what the strange craft really was, he at once launched a boat, and with immense difficulty rescued the aeronaut from a fate which, but for his timely appearance, would not have long been delayed. L'Hoste found he had been rescued within ten miles of the don theater manager has been the first English coast. He and the balloon, one, however, to impress the telegraph which had burst, were taken aboard the Brussels Special to London Telegraph,

### The New Niagara Bridge.

The Canada Southern Railway Bridge over Niagara River is to be built at a point about three hundred feet above nearly so punctual in resuming work, the present suspension bridge. The some straggling in many minutes after contractors have engaged, under a very time. He asked to know the reason, heavy penalty, to complete the whole and the men's excuse was, that though work by 1st December next, about eight they could always hear the clock when months from the time of beginning opit struck 12, they could not so readily erations. The time occupied in buildhear it when it struck 1. On this the ing the suspension bridge was three Duke had the mechanism of the clock years. A comparison will give an idea altered so as to make it strike thirteen of the vast progress made in recent at 1 o'clock; which it continues to do years in the art of bridge-building. The new structure will embody a new prinonine ciple never before illustrated by any counseler of the Queen will be her similar bridges, however, are now beyounger daughter, the Princess Beat- ing constructed-one the new Tay rice. This young lady, it is said, chafes bridge over the Firth of Forth, Scotconsiderably at her position of "old land, and the second for the Canada maid" of the family. She is now twen- Pacific over the Fraser River, British

The marriage could never have taken from the shore nearly half way over the place, because, according to the Eng- chasm. Each section is supported by the shore arm being anchored or weighted.

This style of bridge has been adopted so as to avoid the very great expense M. L'Hoste, a young man of engag- involved in the construction of a susing manners, I found to-day looking pension bridge. The towers on either very pale and fatigued from the perils side will rise from the water's edge. to which he had so recently been ex- Between them will be a clear span of posed. He is suffering most from gid- 500 feet over the river, the longest double diness, but hopes that a day's rest will track truss span in the world. The shore set him up again. As soon as his arm of each cantilever having been built health shall be quite restored, he as- and anchored, the other arm will be sured me with much earnestness that constructed in sections of twenty-live ie will make another effort to cross the feet, the whole being made self-sustain-

The ends of the cantilevers will reach said that after various preliminary trips only 375 feet beyond the towers, leaving last week, in company with his friend, a gap of 125 feet to be filled. The link M. Eloy, he determined to make the at- will be supplied by an ordinary truss tempt to reach England on Friday even- bridge, which will be swung into place ing, having a predilection for night and rested on the ends of the cantilevers. proached, however, his companion sion and contraction by allowing play thought the weather looked too threat- between the ends of the truss bridge

The total length of the bridge will be 895 feet. It will have a double track, Almost immediately the weather, and will be strong enough to bear two which had been hazy all the evening, of the heaviest freight trains extending set in very thick, the result being that the entire length of the structure, and L'Hoste passed the night in the midst under a side pressure of wind at sevof a fog, which not only chilled him to enty-five miles per hour, and even then the marrow, but prevented him from it is to be strained to only one fifth of

-Red Dog, Arizona, is getting civil-He must have traveled quickly, for ized. A coroner was appointed last he soon found himself over the sea, off month, and next morning he impaneled the coast of Belgium. Far up among a jury to view the most recent corpse. the clouds he found a terrible difference The following was the verdict: "We, in the weather, for almost without the jury, dooly swore, find that deceased warning, he sailed into a violent storm kem ter his deth by the jujmint off God wave. Here the beating of the rain, fer heven kawled Bil Jaxon a lier."

## Our Young Folks.

TWO LITTLE GIRLS I KNOW.

I know a little girl (You! Oh, no!) -Who, when she's asked to go to bed, Does just so—
She brings a dozen wrinkles out
And takes the dimples in; And takes the dimples in:
She puckers up her pretty lips
And then she does begin:
"Oh dear me! I don't see why!
All the others sit up late,
And why can't I?"

Another little girl I know, With curly pate, Who says: "When I'm a great big girl Til sit up late: But mamma says 'twill make me grow To be an early bird."
So she and dolly trot away
Without another word.
Oh, the sunny smile and the eye so blue,

And—why, yes, now I think of it, She looks like you. —Youth's Companion.

### A LITTLE WOMAN.

She was a very little woman, not more than four years old, and I am

afraid she was running away. Perhaps I ought not to say running; for she walked gravely and deliberately along the street, looking about her with an observant air. She had on a ruffled white apron, and a brown stuff dress, and over her head she had thrown an apron of blue and white check in place of a bonnet. The apron was so large, and the little woman so small, that, while the chubby hand held it snugly under her round chin, one corner trailed on the ground behind her. The apron also served as a shawl for a rag doll with no features to speak of, whose head, with a ghastly wound on top, peeped out under the little mother's arm. A great many people were comnot notice them. She was singing to herself and the doll:

"Tis His hand that leadeth me." She only knew this one line, so she sang it over and over as she went on, walking close to the fences, and peeping into yards where flowers were growing, and into basements, where she had glimpses of tables covered with red cloths, and shining casters towering in the middle like revolving batteries. She was directly in the wake of a fat woman, who turned the stream of travel one side. and left a quiet little path for her small follower.

She had come to a yard, filled with trees and flowers, around an oldfashioned brick house. The flowers were old-fashioned, too, but they were all of the sweetest, and over them the and might get hurt if it was left excherry-boughs were like one great white bouquet. The little woman forgot to ers it so carefully, all but his head. her close to the fence that she might upon the sand. Reaching out of the hear the fine, clear piping of the bees which he drags his small boat after at work among them. There was a him whenever he wants to get his dinlike a great golden blossom. The bird eral days he not only creeps out of this seemed always just about to launch into strange house, but out of his skin, at a song, but was so busy he broke off at the same time taking on moth wings. the first syllable. A man came across the lawn with a wheelbarrow, in which was "laddis worms." If you hunt for them

"Where you going, sis?" "What you looking at?" "God's flowers," was the grave an-

The man laughed again, and pushed up his hat.

"Them's the Guv'nor's flowers; want ome?"

a purple spike of a hyacinth. He put work. They use a certain kind of cethem in her hand, saying: "Now run ment, which is better able to stand had a row."

stones below. The little woman went | - Our Little Ones. into the park, and sat down under a tree. She was just beginning to be afraid she was lost, but she could not be very unhappy while she had her flowburned face, and coarse, clumsy clothes. looked, and saw he was crying. She nearer, holding her doll very tight.

"Does you want some of God's flowthings toward him.

smelt the familiar scent of cherry bloswho believed in him and trusted him. "I'll try one day more," he said resolutely, "and if I can't get work, I'll go home; I won't stay here and go to the

Surely they were "God's flowers" which the little woman had given him. sometimes to her doll, and counting the tent. - N. Y. Journal, hyacinth bells over and over. She knew now she was lost, but was not really frightened. She felt sure some near Pittsburgh, Pa., were arrested reone would come by and by and find her. | cently for singing "Rock of Ages" un-The market-house clock began to strike | der a window of Mrs. Martha Taylor's twelve. With the first stroke a babel bouse. When the matter came before the

bells that rang wildly, clocks striking from a dozen steeples, and through them all the slow, deep boom of the market-clock. The street was full of hurrying people, going home to dinner. Clattering over the pavement came an empty express wagon; the driver hesitated, then turned up to the brimming water-basin, and let the hig gray horse plunge his nose in the cool water. A flock of brown sparrows were taking shower-baths in the overflow; and as the driver waited his eyes followed them with amusement from the water to the branches where they dried their feathers. What was that under the tree? A child lying asleep on the grass?

"Looks like my little woman," said the driver, jumping over the fence, and coming up to the tree in three strides.

"Sure's you live it's herself," he said, as he picked the little sleeper up in his strong arms. He stooped again for the doll, and thrust it head first into his pocket; but the little hand clung to the flowers even in sleep. The big horse whisked away, but with the jolting of the wagon the blue eyes opened.

"What ye s'pose mother'll say?" asked the driver, pressing the soft cheek against his rough coat. "Where was ye goin', anyhow?" "Just went a-walkin." said the little woman, "and I couldn't go back cause the house got lost."

When the terrified mother had assured herself that her darling was safe and sound, when the little woman was eagerly crowding her withered flowers into her tin cup, the father looked up from his dinner to say: "Curious how I happened to drive by the park to-day; haven't been that way

in a week. "'Tis His hand that leadeth me," sang the little woman over her flowers. The father looked at the mother and nodded.

"May be," he said, thoughtfully .-Emily Huntington Miller, in S. S. Times.

### The Canoe of the Water Moth.

The gnat builds his egg boat. The water moth, another little creature, puts together a real canoe. It is a very curious thing, made of bits of straward reeds all matted together. It is just the shape of the caterpillar that lives in it. The insect breathes with gills just Presently the little woman stopped. like a fish, and yet cannot swim.

So he fastens this straw and grass together, winding them all around with his own silk. The body of the caterpillar is soft and delicate, you know, posed. This is the reason why he cov-

hold the apron under her chin, and it | This funny sort of cance is open at slid down to the sidewalk. She took both ends. It is so fixed that when the her doll from under her arm, and held grub is tired of sailing he can sink down see, too, and smell the blossoms, and upper end are his six little feet, with wonderful bird flashing about the trees | ner or put up for the night. After sev-

green shrub. He dag a hole in the with your young eyes, you can find these turf, and began to plant the bush: but little nests of stone, and gravel, and he saw the eager little face, and the leaves, made by the grubs, though they dolly with her wooden brains oozing are very small. They seem to have out behind. He nodded good-naturedly. | great taste in fixing them. You should see the houses they make of fresh leaves, "Anywhere," said the little woman, curiously put together. They hang from their shoulders like so many wings. They are even more like a bud just

ready to open. These pretty cases of leaves are glued together, leaving an opening at its top just large enough for the little creatures to put out their head and shoulders when The little woman only nodded, but her | they want to look about for food; others eyes grew large and round with wonder of the same species cut pieces of reed and expectancy as the man broke a or wood into lengths or strips, and join white bough from the cherry-tree, and them together as they go on with their home, or that there young lady will be water than any ever made by man. And took up by the p'lice; looks like she'd they often finish up the whole by putting a broad piece, longer than all the The little woman had neither eyes rest, overhead, to shade the doorway, nor ears for anything but the flowers. so that no one shall see them work. The man went back to his work, and Some of these funny grubs break off she went slowly on. One block, two bits of the stems of rushes, which, you blocks, six blocks, then she came to a know, grow in the water, and weave little triangular park at the intersection them into a sort of round ball. Then of the streets-a very small park, with they hang them together on the stem of only grass and a few trees in it, and an some other water plant, making a little iron drinking fountain for horses just cell in the middle to live in. Some use outside the fence. Two dusty horses tiny shells even, with snails and other were drinking from the round iron bowl, animals alive in them. They keep these and a dog was eagerly lapping the slen- poor things just as if they were in prisder stream that spilled over upon the on, and drag them all about with them.

# A Queer Wedding Present.

This is a month of weddings, and ers. She sat very still looking at them, what to send as a present is a vexatious and to her great delight a brown bee subject to many. At a recent wedding came sniffing at the white cups for an in New York there were five card-reinstant as he passed. Stretched on the ceivers of the same kind, and inquiries grass near her was a boy-a big boy; on the part of the donors revealed the the little woman would have called him | fact that all had been purchased at the a man. He had red hands and a sun- same place, and because recommended by the storekeeper, who found they You would not have looked twice at caught the fancy and consequently adhim, but the little woman looked and vised them to all. At another there were four sets of after-dinner coffee looked again, and then crept a little cups. In this connection a good story occurs. A gentleman in impecunious circumstances wished to make a handers?" she asked, holding the sweet some present to a friend entering the bonds of matrimony. He wrought out The boy took them eagerly-took for himself a little scheme. He went to them all; but just as the little woman a wholesale store and asked to see some was going to cry he gave them back of their broken ware. Among other to her, so she broke off a piece of the stuff he was shown a very handsome cherry bough and one little stemless vase that was badly broken, which in a hyacinth, and gave them to him. The good condition would have been worth boy had but lately come to the city. seventy-five dollars; the remains would and soon rose to a height of 4,000 me- being filled in with cement, making a He was hungry, he was friendless, he sell for five dollars. He purchased the was utterly discouraged, he had taken "remains" and had them carefully verely, his face being half roasted by so divided that upon the foundation the first step downward. But when he packed and forwarded with his card, the recipients, of course, imagining that soms, and saw the pure, pitiful eyes of they had got broken on the way, and the little woman looking at him, it not informing him of the fact lest he brought back the homely brown house | might go to additional expense, Rather among the hills, and the little sisters a clever dodge, as dodges go! But he told this to a friend who went and did likewise. He, however, was misundestood by the dealer who, in sending the "remains," had each piece carefully packed so as to prevent further breakages, and consequently, the ruse was exposed. The system, though, of wed-She sat quietly under the tree, talking ding presents is carried to an absurd ex-

> -Eight young women of Elizabeth, of sounds broke in. Steam-whistles in Burgess Mrs. Taylor failed to make out every key, bells that clanged slowly, a case and was obliged to pay the costs.